

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



ADAPTIVE RECREATION AND LEARNING Exchange (AR&LE) offers recreational, leisure and community education programs that are specifically designed to meet the needs of people with disabilities in the cities of Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina and Richfield. For information, call Parks and Recreation or visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: Adaptive Recreation.

Inclusion services provided
Under the direction of the Assistant Parks and Recreation Manager, inclusion services allow participants with disabilities to fully participate in Parks and Recreation programs. For more information, call Parks and Recreation or e-mail parksrec@ci.bloomington.mn.us.

LOOK AHEAD

PLAN YOUR EVENT
PICNIC SHELTERS AVAILABLE
FOR RENT



PICNIC SHELTERS ARE AVAILABLE TO RENT for picnics, receptions, reunions or meetings. Register now for use April through mid-October. Shelters have electricity, grills, restrooms and drinking fountains. In addition, City parks offer playground equipment, volleyball and horseshoe courts, walking trails and softball fields. Reduced rates are available for nonprofit Bloomington youth groups.

MOIR PARK
104th St. at Morgan Ave.
Shelter 1: Accommodates 200+. \$190 + tax.
Shelter 2: Accommodates 50. \$130 + tax.

WEST BUSH LAKE PARK
94th St. at West Bush Lake Road.
Shelter 1: Accommodates 200. \$190 + tax.
Shelter 2: Accommodates 150. \$130 + tax.

EAST BUSH LAKE PARK
9140 East Bush Lake Road.
Shelter 3: Accommodates 200. \$250 + tax.

SMITH PARK
8155 Park Ave. S.
Shelter: Accommodates 30. \$82 + tax.

BLOOMINGTON LOVES ITS KIDS
CARNIVAL HIGHLIGHTS MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION



When: Saturday, February 24, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Where: Northwestern Health Sciences University, 84th St. and Penn Ave.

BLOOMINGTON LOVES ITS KIDS (BLIK) IS A MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION THAT COMBINES community and family fun with educational programs and recognition events for kids. The BLIK Carnival features games, face painting and dancing, along with family-friendly entertainment. Parents can browse the educational booths and learn about what businesses and organizations have to offer kids in Bloomington.



SPRING EGG HUNT
FOR CHILDREN, AGES 8 AND UNDER

When: Saturday, April 7, 9:30 a.m. - noon
Where: Northwestern Health Sciences University, 84th and Penn Ave.

Time: Activities begin 9:30 a.m., hunt 11 a.m.
ENJOY SNACKS, GAMES, PHOTOS WITH THE BUNNY, entertainment and more. This “eggs”traordinary annual event is sponsored by Northwestern Health Sciences University, Parks and Recreation and the Bloomington Breakfast Optimist Club.

SUMMER SPECTRUM
SUPER SIGN-UP SATURDAY!

When: Saturday, March 24, 9 - 11 a.m.
Where: Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road.

REGISTRATION FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS is available in person at Super Sign-Up Saturday. Look for details in the Summer Spectrum brochure mailed in late March.

Soon program registration for Summer Spectrum, Camp Kota, playgrounds and field trips will be only a few clicks away. Once the new Online Program Services is implemented, you will need to preregister two days in advance to receive a username and password. Please check our Web site for updates on this new service.

Call Parks and Recreation for information or visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: Spectrum.

New! Team schedules, standings and game scores are now online. Go to www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: Team schedules.

GALAXY YOUTH CENTER

Where: Valley View Middle School, 8900 Portland Ave.
Hours: Monday - Friday 2:20 - 6 p.m.
Bus home: 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
Where: Oak Grove Middle School, 1300 W. 106th St. Olson Middle School, 4551 W. 102nd St.
Hours: Monday - Friday 2:20 - 5 p.m.
Bus home: 4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$1 daily.

GALAXY YOUTH CENTERS SERVE YOUTH IN GRADES 6 THROUGH 8 WHO LIVE OR GO TO school in Bloomington. Galaxy provides recreation, enrichment, developmental programming and help with homework. For more information, call 952-681-6124.



OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS
QUALE INDUCTED INTO USSSA HALL OF FAME

PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER RANDY QUALE WAS inducted into Minnesota’s United States Specialty Sports Association Hall of Fame (USSSA) in January for his outstanding contributions to the association as an administrator for adult softball.

According to Minnesota USSSA Commissioner Gerry Turnberg, Quale has done a fantastic job promoting and administrating USSSA programs. Turnberg said, “Randy has represented our association with outstanding professionalism.”

Quale, who has more than 20 years of municipal parks and recreation service, has been with the City almost 10 years. He oversees Bloomington’s parks and recreation programs, including adult sports. With more than 360 teams, Bloomington has one of the state’s largest municipal adult softball programs.

Quale has coached high school football for 26 years and participated in adult softball for many years. He is also president of the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association.



TENNIS LESSONS

INDOOR WINTER TENNIS LESSONS FOR beginner and intermediate levels will be offered in collaboration with 98th Street Northwest Athletic Club.

When: Thursdays, February 15 - March 22.

Times: *Beginner* 7 - 8 p.m.
Intermed. 8 - 9 p.m.

Where: 98th Street Northwest Athletic Club.

To register or for information, call Parks and Recreation.

DAYTIME VOLLEYBALL

EXERCISE AND ENJOY VOLLEYBALL YEAR-round. Teams form each time you play.

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Where: Bloomington National Guard Armory, 3300 W. 98th St.

Time: *Beginner* 9 - 11 a.m.
Intermed. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Cost: \$2 each session.

SENIOR VOLLEYBALL
LEAGUE

THE BORN AGAIN JOCKS VOLLEYBALL League welcomes men, 55 years and over, with all levels of playing ability. For more information, call Dick Wortman at 952-888-1814.

When: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Time: *Warm-up* 8:45 a.m.
Games 9 a.m.

Where: Jefferson and Kennedy High Schools.

MEN’S, WOMEN’S AND
CO-REC SOFTBALL

When: One evening per week, starting April 28.

Where: Valley View and Dred Scott playfields.

Cost per team: \$535 - Recreation
\$760 - Fast pitch and doubleheader.

Deadline: March 9.

PLAY BALL!

TIME TO GEAR UP FOR A SEASON OF ADULT softball. More than 300 teams compete throughout the summer and fall.

Hosted at the Dred Scott and Valley View Playfields, leagues are for adults, ages 18 and older. Divisions include men’s, men’s fast pitch, women’s and co-rec. Leagues form in March and play May through July. Teams are sanctioned in both Minnesota softball associations, the ASA and USSSA. Play ranges from competitive to recreational levels.

For more information, call Recreation Supervisor Jason Hicks at 952-563-8880. or e-mail jhicks@ci.bloomington.mn.us.